Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes,

(*b*) The arrangement varies in respect of different articles. In the case of timber and ceramic wares, the orders are executed direct by the Government Departments concerned. In respect of coir, orders are placed with different manufacturers for execution through the Coir Trade Committee, Alleppey.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether Government will enquire whether such orders have been given in the name of benamie companies of the members of the Committee ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : That is a matter for future action.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether Government will enquire into the matter ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Yes, Sir.

President : When the question is raised, naturally it follows that it will be enquired into.

Assessment Notices.

120. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of assessment notices issued to the Agriculturists of Ambalapuzha, Shertallai, Kartikapalli and Karunagapally respectively by the Income Tax Collector in 1119 ;

(*b*) the number of statements submitted ;

(*c*) the number disposed of ;

(*d*) the number for which income tax was assessed;

(*e*) whether any assessment has been made on the basis of the statement of the party; and

(*f*) if there is any one as described in (*e*) the name or names of those who were assessed on the basis of their statements ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*)

Ambalapuzha	...	70
Shertallai	...	93
Karthikapally	...	51
Karunagapally	...	18
Total	...	332

(*b*) 249.

(*c*) 120.

(*d*) 110.

(*e*) Yes. Assessments are generally made on the basis of statements filed by the parties and such additional information as may be received from the Revenue Officers as well as from other sources.

(*f*) The information is confidential.

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Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know why the number of assessments is confidential ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : It is kept confidential.

President : Income Tax returns are kept confidential.

Alleppey-Shertallai Canal.

121. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. Advisory Committee has recommended for the completion of the Alleppey-Shertallai Canal.

(*b*) whether such a recommendation was disapproved by Government ;

(*c*) if so, why it was disapproved ;

(*d*) whether they have received a mass memorial signed by about 10,000 persons of Shertallai to complete the above canal, and

(*e*) if so, what steps have been taken on the memorial ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes,

(*c*) The conditions relating to transport and agricultural needs have changed on account of the Alleppey-Aroor road and the many cross canals that have been opened. Also the old alignment is faulty and the whole length of the canal will have to be opened afresh. Considering that most of the benefits, which this canal was expected to bring in have already been realised and that the cost of opening the whole length will not be commensurate with the advantages likely to ensue, Government have decided not to proceed with the work.

(*d*) A memorial has been received.

(*e*) Please see answer to part (c).

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know how the existence of a road has changed the transport and agricultural needs of a country ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : The road is fit for carts and lorry traffic and there are also a number of cross roads and canals. They have improved facilities for transport.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether the agricultural and irrigation needs can be met by the existence of roads, cross roads and canals alone ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, they are partly met.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the member when it was known to Government that the alignment was faulty ?

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